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- 1. JENS NORGAARD, PERMANENT UNDERSECRETARY, DANISH MINISTRY OF FISHERIES, VOLUNTEERED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO EMBOFF CONCERNING (A) VISIT TO DENMARK BY NORWAY'S J. EVENSEN TO DISCUSS NORWEGIAN PLANS TO ESTABLISH TRAWL FREE ZONES AND (B) UNITED KINGDOM ATTITUDES ON WIDER FISHERY ZONES.
- 2. DURING THE CONVERSATIONS WITH EVENSEN, THE DANES ASKED UNDER WHAT LEGAL PRECEDENT NORWAY JUSTIFIED ITS PROPOSED ACTION. EVENSEN REFERRED TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION ON FISHING AND CONSERVATION OF THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE HIGH SEAS. NORGAARD SAID HE HAD REPLIED THAT THE CONVENTION REFERRED TO CONSERVATION OF LIVING RESOURCES OF THE HIGH SEAS AND NOT TO CONSERVATION OF COASTAL FISHERMEN. EVENSEN THEN FELL BACK TO THE PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPT THAT, WHEN PEOPLES' LIVES ARE IN DANGER, ACTION TO PROTECT THEMSELVES TAKES ON A PARAMOUNT LEGALITY.
- 3. THE EVENSEN CONVERSATIONS WERE EXPLORATORY WITH THE DANES MAINTAINING THEIR STRONG OPPOSITION TOWARDS GIVING COASTAL STATES CONTROL OF HIGH SEA FISHERIES IN AREAS CONTIGUOUS TO THEIR COAST.
- 4. NORGAARD WENT ON TO ILLUSTRATE TO EMBOFF THAT THE MORE IMPORTANT TRADITIONAL FISHING GROUNDS WORKED BY DANISH FISHERMEN WOULD BE INCLUDED IN ZONES OF OTHER COUNTRIES SHOULD THE NORTH SEA OR THE BATLIC SEA BE DIVIDED ACCORDING TO THE EQUIDISTANT PROCEDURE.
- 5. NORGAARD ALSO INDICATED THAT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A COMMON EUROPEAN COMMUNITY POLICY CONCERNING THE AREA BETWEEN TWELVE AND 200 MILES OFF THE COASTS OF EC MEMBERS WERE STILL BEING HELD UP BY BRITISH DEMANDS FOR A REVISED COMMUNITY FISHERY POLICY. FURTHERMORE, MORE AND CONFIDENTIAL

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MORE SUPPORT WAS BEING GENERATED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR STRONG BRITISH, AS OPPOSED TO COMMUNITY, CONTROL IN ANY FISHERY OR ECONOMIC ZONE OFF THE UK WHICH MIGHT REULT FROM THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE.

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